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1. INITIAL SCAN OF OLD HEAD G-158, 8 DEC 70, OVER CUBA, REVEALED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

2. THE MISSION COVERED THE LENGTH OF CUBA EXCEPT FOR THE WESTERN-MOST AREA AND THE ISLE OF PINES. APPROXIMATELY 55 PERCENT OF THE MISSION WAS CLOUD COVERED.

3. SOVIET NAVAL ACTIVITY SHIFTED FROM THE SOUTH CENTRAL TO THE NORTHEASTERN PORTIONS OF THE ISLAND. THE SOVIET NAVAL SHIPS IN ANTILLA PORT INCLUDED A SUBMARINE, A KASHIN GUIDED-MISSILE FRIGATE (DLG), AN UGRA SUBMARINE TENDER (AS, PM 922), AND AN UDA NAVAL OILER (AO). THE SUBMARINE WAS LYING ALONG THE PORTSIDE OF THE TENDER IN DEEP SHADOW. ALTHOUGH THE SUBMARINE CANNOT BE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED, THE OVERALL LENGTH AND THE VISIBLE UPRIGHTS EXTENDING FROM THE SAIL INDICATE IT IS AN F CLASS. THE VISIBLE UPRIGHTS INCLUDE THE SNORKEL INTAKE MAST, THE STOPLIGHT ELECTRONICS COUNTER MEASURES (ECM) MAST, AND THE HINGED COMMUNICATIONS MAST.

4. THE CIENFUEGOS AREA WAS COVERED TWICE BY PHOTOGRAPHY OF POOR INTERPRETABILITY AND WAS 80 PERCENT CLOUD-COVERED. CAYO OCAMPO WAS OBSERVED UNDER HAZE AND OBLIQUE CONDITIONS. THE TWO SPECIAL-PURPOSE BARGES COULD NOT BE DISCERNED AT THEIR PREVIOUS LOCATION; HOWEVER, THE HEAVY HAZE PRESENT OVER THE AREA MAY HAVE OBSCURED THEM. TWO SHEET BEND RADARS WITH ASSOCIATED VANS AND EQUIPMENT WERE OBSERVED AT CIENFUEGOS RADAR FACILITY 2.

5. MARIEL WAS COVERED TWICE BY PHOTOGRAPHY OF FAIR TO GOOD INTERPRETABILITY. AN OKHTENSKIY-CLASS TUG (ATR) WAS MOORED TO THE NORTH PIER. SINCE CUBA IS KNOWN TO POSSESS AN OKHTENSKIY ATR, THE TUG OBSERVED CANNOT BE CONFIRMED AS THE SAME TUG THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED AT CIENFUEGOS ON [REDACTED]

6. IPIR CABLE WILL FOLLOW.

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